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- **A.** Except as provided in R9-25-406(G), an individual shall not act as an EMT-B, EMT-I, or EMT-P unless the individual has current certification or recertification from the Department.
- **B.** The Department shall approve or deny an application required by this Article pursuant to Article 12 of this Chapter.
- C. If the Department denies an application for certification or recertification, the applicant may request a hearing pursuant to A.R.S. Title 41, Chapter 6, Article 10.
- **D.** The Department shall certify or recertify an EMT for two years:
 - 1. Except as provided in R9-25-405; or
 - 2. Unless revoked by the Department pursuant to A.R.S. § 36-2211.
- **E.** An individual whose EMT certificate is expired shall not apply for recertification, unless the individual has been granted an extension to file an application for EMT recertification under R9-25-407 or submits an application for recertification, with a certification extension fee, within 30 days after the expiration date of the EMT certification as provided in R9-25-406.
- **F.** An individual whose EMT certificate is expired or denied by the Department may apply for certification pursuant to R9-25-404 or, if applicable, R9-25-405.
- G. The Department shall keep confidential all criminal justice information received from the Department of Public Safety or any local, state, tribal, or federal law enforcement agency and shall not make this information available for public record review.

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- **A.** An individual who holds current and valid certification as an EMT in Arizona may, before the expiration date of the individual's current EMT certification, apply for recertification at the same level of EMT certification currently held or at a lower level of EMT certification.
- **B.** An individual whose certification as an EMT in Arizona has an expiration date within the past 30 days may apply for recertification at the same level of EMT certification or at a lower level of EMT certification.
- **C.** To apply for recertification, an applicant shall submit to the Department an application including:
 - 1. An application form provided by the Department containing:
 - a. The applicant's name, address, telephone number, date of birth, and social security number;

- b. Responses to questions addressing the applicant's criminal history pursuant to R9-25-402(A)(3), R9-25-402(B)(1), and R9-25-411(A);
- An indication of the level of EMT certification currently held or with an
 expiration date within the past 30 days and of the level of EMT certification for
 which recertification is requested;
- d. Attestation that all information required as part of the application has been submitted and is true and accurate; and
- e. The applicant's signature and date of signature;
- 2. For each affirmative response to a question addressing the applicant's criminal history pursuant to R9-25-402(A)(3), R9-25-402(B)(1), and R9-25-411(A), a detailed explanation and supporting documentation; and
- 3. If applicable, a copy of each EMT certification, recertification, or licensure issued to the applicant in another state or jurisdiction that the applicant holds.
- **D.** In addition to the application, an applicant shall submit the following to the Department:
 - 1. For EMT-B recertification, either:
 - a. A certificate of course completion signed by the training program director designated for the course session showing that within two years before the expiration date of the applicant's current certificate, the applicant completed either the:
 - i. Arizona EMT-B refresher, as defined in R9-25-306; or
 - Arizona EMT-B refresher challenge examination, as defined in R9-25-306; or
 - b. Evidence of current NREMT-Basic registration;
 - 2. For EMT-I(99) recertification, either:
 - a. Attestation that the applicant:
 - i. Has completed continuing education as required under subsection (E), and
 - ii. Has and will maintain for Department review documentation verifying completion of continuing education as required under subsection (E); or
 - b. Evidence of current NREMT-Intermediate registration;
 - 3. For EMT-P recertification, either:
 - a. Attestation that the applicant:

- i. Has completed continuing education as required under subsection (E), and
- ii. Has and will maintain for Department review documentation verifying completion of continuing education as required under subsection (E); or
- b. Evidence of current NREMT-Paramedic registration; and
- 4. For an application submitted within 30 days after the expiration date of EMT certification, a nonrefundable certification extension fee of \$150 in the form of a certified check, business check, or money order made payable to the Arizona Department of Health Services.
- E. An EMT required to attest to completion of continuing education under subsection (D)(2)(a) or (D)(3)(a) shall complete 60 clock hours of continuing education in the two years before the expiration date of the EMT's current certification or, if applicable, before the end of an extension period granted under R9-25-407, as follows:
 - 1. Seven clock hours through proficiency in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and proficiency in advanced emergency cardiac life support;
 - 2. No more than 48 clock hours for completion of the Arizona ALS refresher;
 - 3. No more than 12 clock hours for passing the Arizona ALS refresher challenge examination;
 - 4. No more than 20 clock hours of training in a single subject covered in the Arizona EMT-I course, the Arizona EMT-P course, or the Arizona ALS refresher;
 - 5. No more than 20 clock hours of teaching in a single subject covered in the Arizona EMT-I course, the Arizona EMT-P course, or the Arizona ALS refresher;
 - 6. No more than 20 clock hours of training related to skills, procedures, or treatments authorized under Article 5 of this Chapter;
 - 7. No more than 20 clock hours of teaching related to skills, procedures, or treatments authorized under Article 5 of this Chapter;
 - 8. No more than 20 clock hours of training in current developments, skills, procedures, or treatments related to the practice of emergency medicine or the provision of emergency medical services;
 - 9. No more than 20 clock hours of participation in or attendance at meetings, conferences, presentations, seminars, or lectures designed to provide understanding of current developments, skills, procedures, or treatments related to the practice of emergency medicine or the provision of emergency medical services;

- 10. No more than 16 clock hours of training in advanced trauma life support;
- 11. No more than 16 clock hours of training in pediatric emergency care; and
- 12. If the individual is certified as an EMT-I(85) and desires to apply for recertification as an EMT-I(99) as provided under R9-25-412, by completing the Arizona EMT-Intermediate transition course, defined in R9-25-301.
- **F.** The Department shall not issue recertification as an EMT-I(85).
- **G.** If an individual submits an application for recertification, with a certification extension fee, within 30 days after the expiration date of the individual's EMT certification, the individual:
 - 1. Was authorized to act as an EMT during the period between the expiration date of the individual's EMT certification and the date the application was submitted, and
 - 2. Is authorized to act as an EMT until the Department makes a final determination on the individual's application for recertification.
- **H.** If an individual does not submit an application for recertification before the expiration date of the individual's EMT certification or, with a certification extension fee, within 30 days after the expiration date of the individual's EMT certification, the individual:
 - 1. Was not authorized to act as an EMT during the 30-day period after the expiration date of the individual's EMT certification, and
 - 2. Is not eligible for recertification.
- I. The Department may deny, based on failure to meet the standards for recertification in A.R.S.Title 36, Chapter 21.1 and this Article, an application submitted with a certification extension fee.